

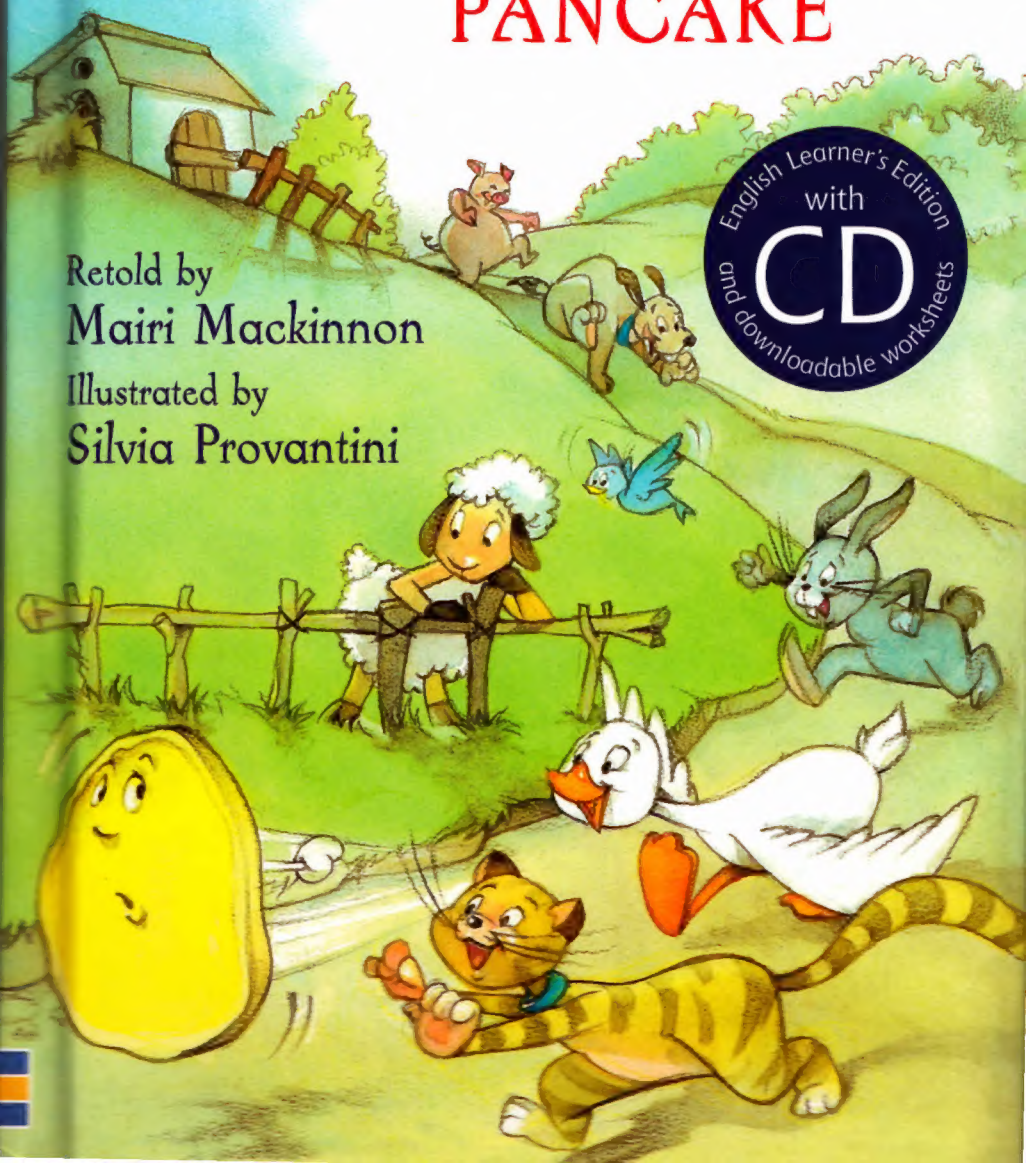
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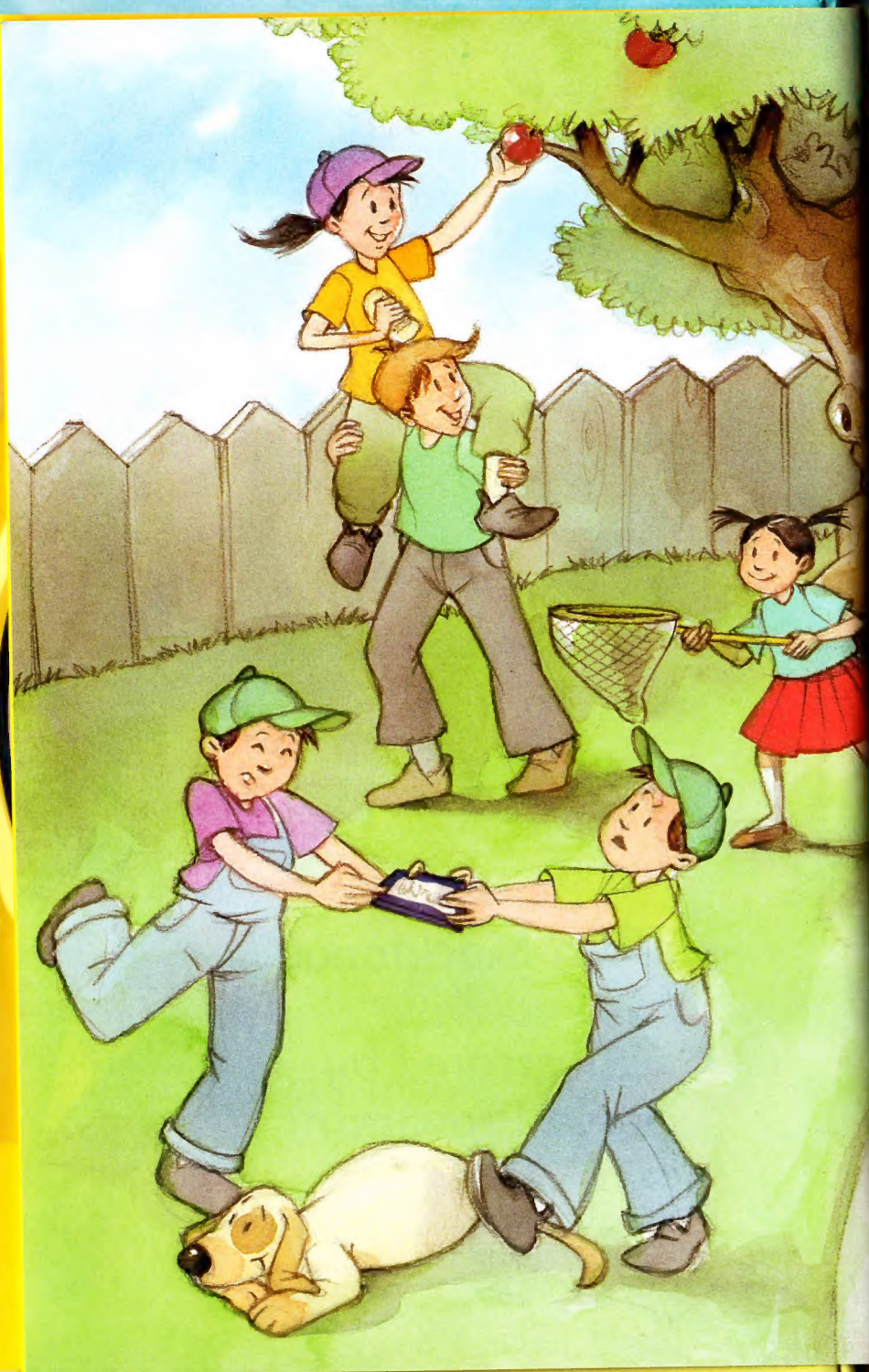


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There was once a family  
with seven children, and  
they were always hungry.



One day, their mother  
decided to make pancakes  
for breakfast.

Mmm, I love  
pancakes.

I'm starving!

I could eat FIVE  
pancakes.

When will they  
be ready?

First she mixed  
flour, eggs and milk.

I could  
eat TEN.

I could eat  
FIFTEEN.

I could eat  
TWENTY!






Then she poured the mix into a pan to cook. She tossed the first pancake, up in the air and down again.



But the pancake didn't want to be eaten. It jumped right out of the pan and rolled out of the door.





A woman with brown curly hair, wearing a red long-sleeved shirt and a white apron, is shouting. She is holding a wooden handle of a frying pan. Behind her, a young boy in a green shirt is also holding a frying pan. In the background, a man with a beard is looking out from a green window. A speech bubble from the woman says, "Quick, somebody catch it!".

“Stop!” cried  
the mother.

Quick, somebody  
catch it!

“Come back!” called the  
children and they all went  
running after it.

The pancake rolled out  
of the gate and into the  
road, faster and faster.





The dog was snoozing in his kennel when the pancake rolled past.

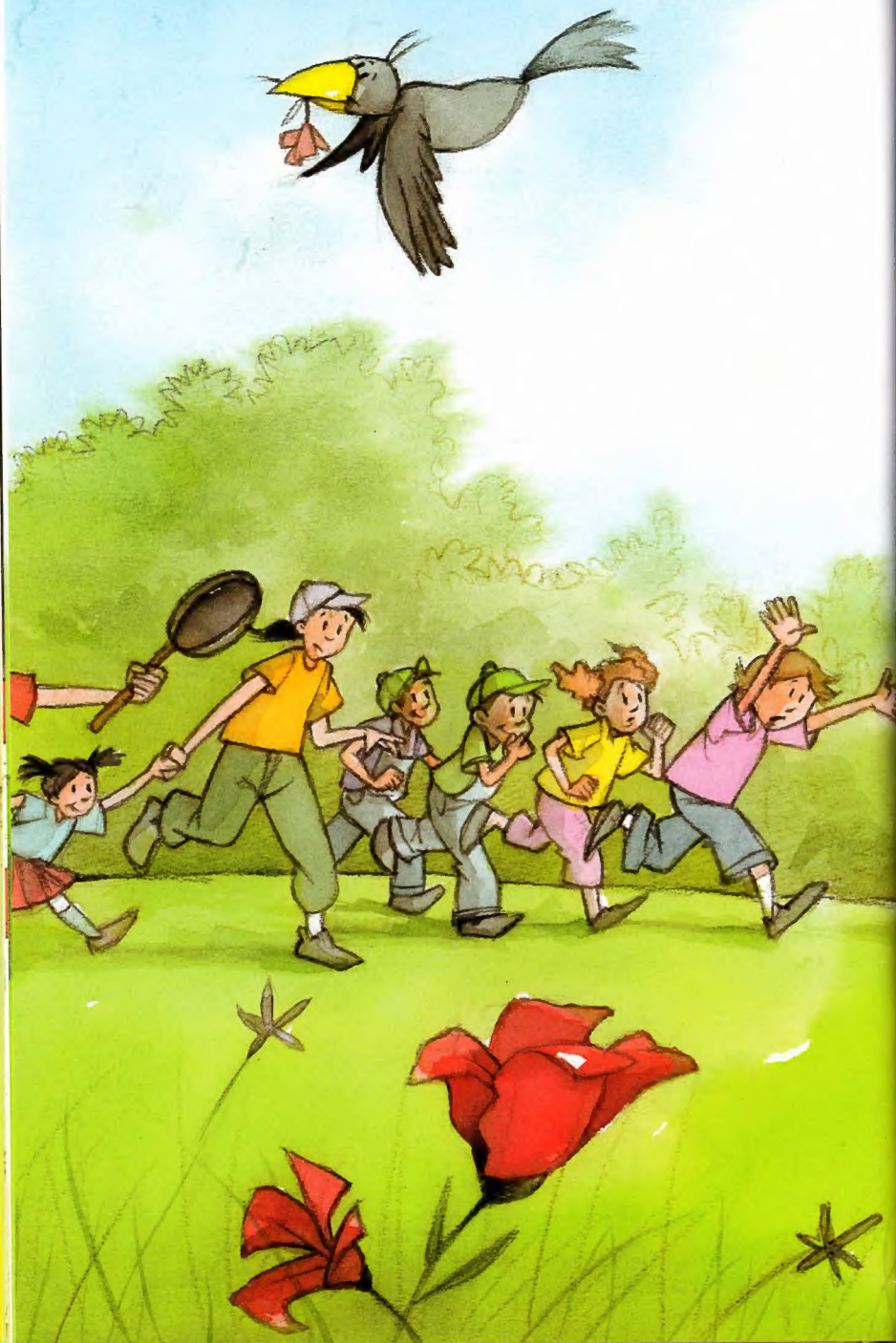


"You look good," he barked.



"Come here and let me taste you."





“No!” said the pancake  
and rolled on, with the  
dog and all the family  
chasing behind.





A rabbit in a field saw  
the pancake rolling past.



"How fast you roll!" he  
said. "Can I catch you?"







"No, no!" said the  
pancake and rolled on, with  
the rabbit, the dog and all  
the family chasing behind.



Hee, hee, hee, you  
can't stop me!



A duck on the stream saw  
the pancake rolling past.



"Stop, Mr. Pancake!" she  
called. "Just let me try a  
tiny piece of you."

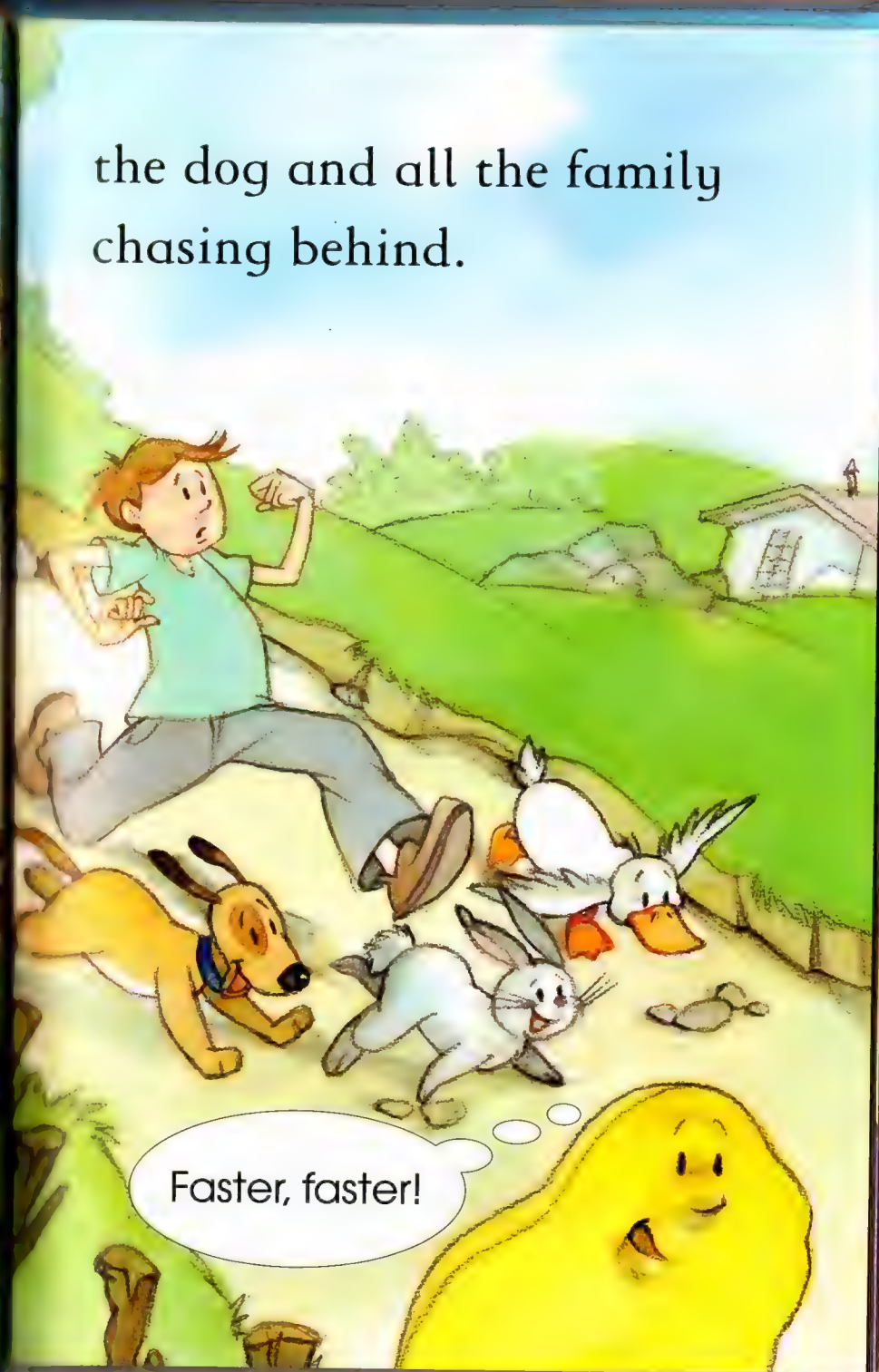






“No, no, no!” said the  
pancake and rolled on,  
with the duck, the rabbit,

the dog and all the family  
chasing behind.



Faster, faster!



A cat in the farmyard  
saw the pancake roll past.



Is it a game?



"Stop! Wait for me!"  
she called.







“Catch me if you can,”  
said the pancake and rolled  
on, with the cat, the duck,  
the rabbit, the dog and all  
the family chasing behind.

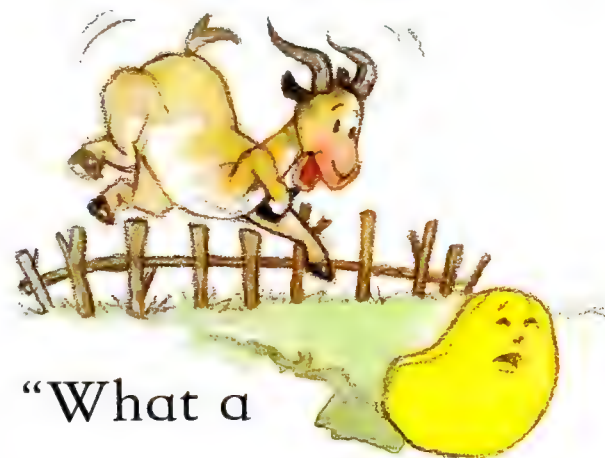


I'm delicious  
but you'll never  
catch me!



A goat in a meadow saw  
the pancake roll past.

Mmm,  
delicious!



"What a  
fine-looking  
pancake," he said.

"Do you taste as good  
as you look?"







"Of course!" said the  
pancake and rolled on...

with the goat, the cat,  
the duck, the rabbit, the  
dog and all the family  
chasing behind.





A fox in some bushes saw  
the pancake rolling past.



“Oh, Mr. Pancake,” he  
said. “Why is everyone  
chasing you? What  
have you done?”





"Can't stop  
now," said the pancake...



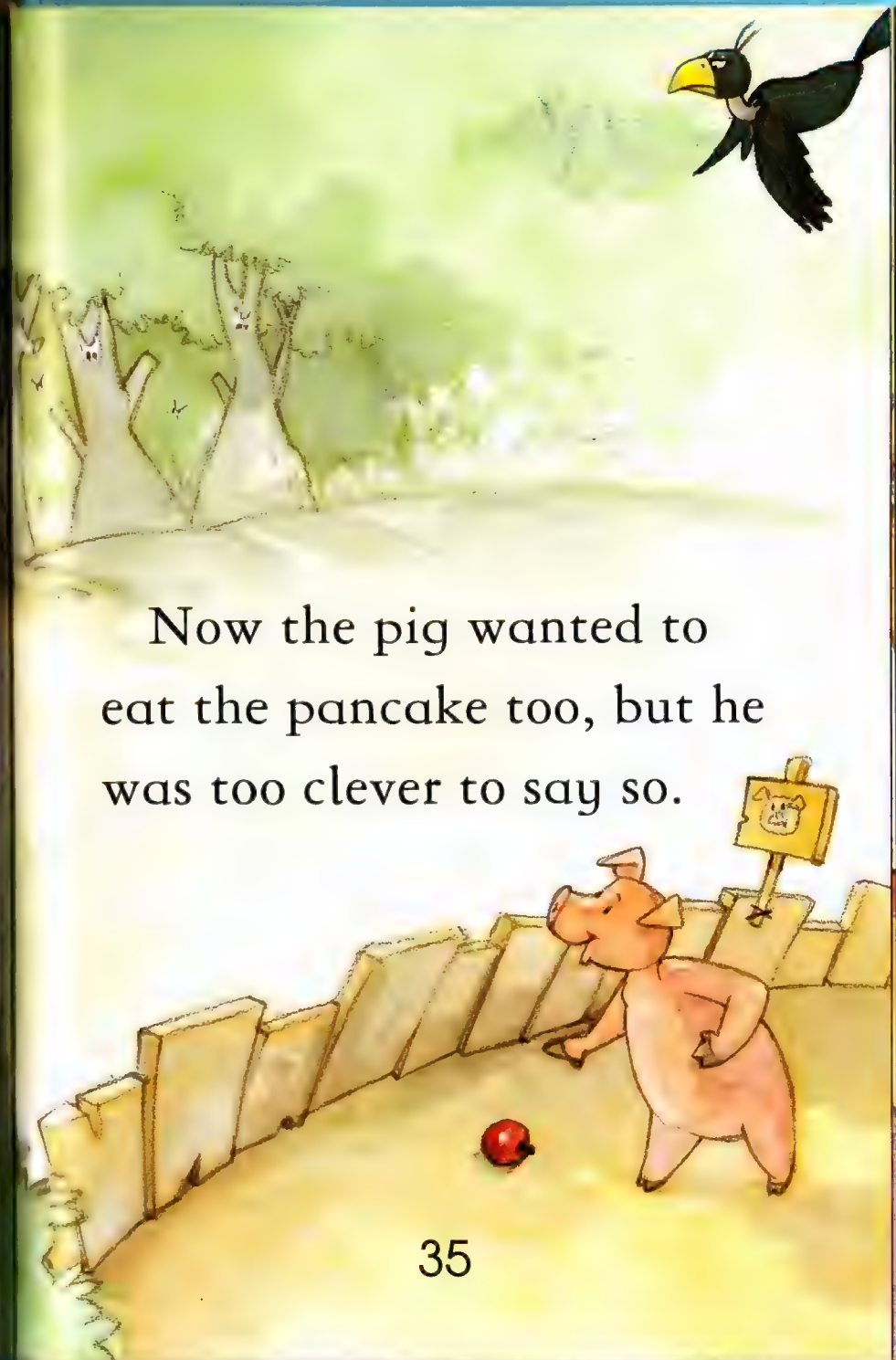
and it hitched a ride  
on a kite to escape the fox.







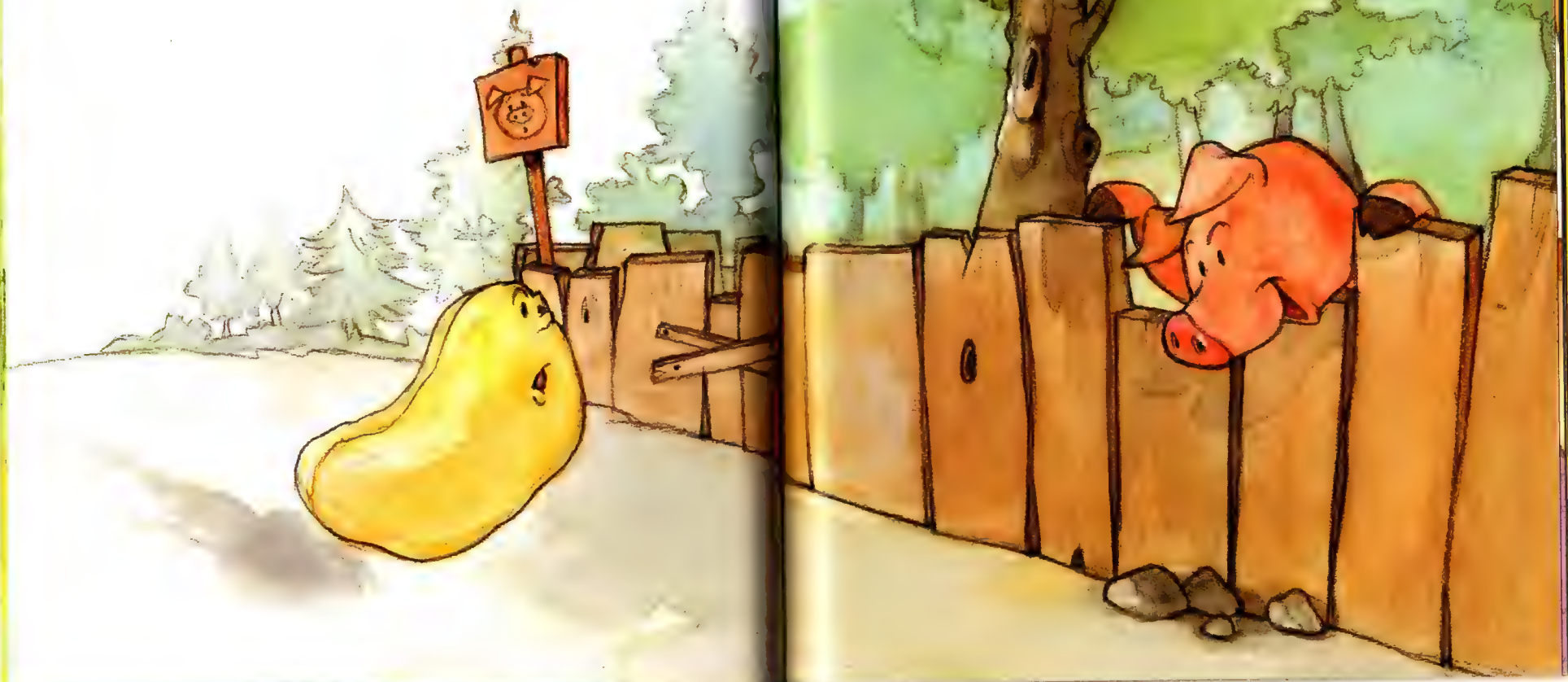
It landed at the edge  
of a forest. By the forest  
was a pig in a pen.



Now the pig wanted to  
eat the pancake too, but he  
was too clever to say so.



“What’s the hurry,  
Mr. Pancake?” he asked.  
“Let me walk through the  
forest with you. It’s a  
dangerous place.”

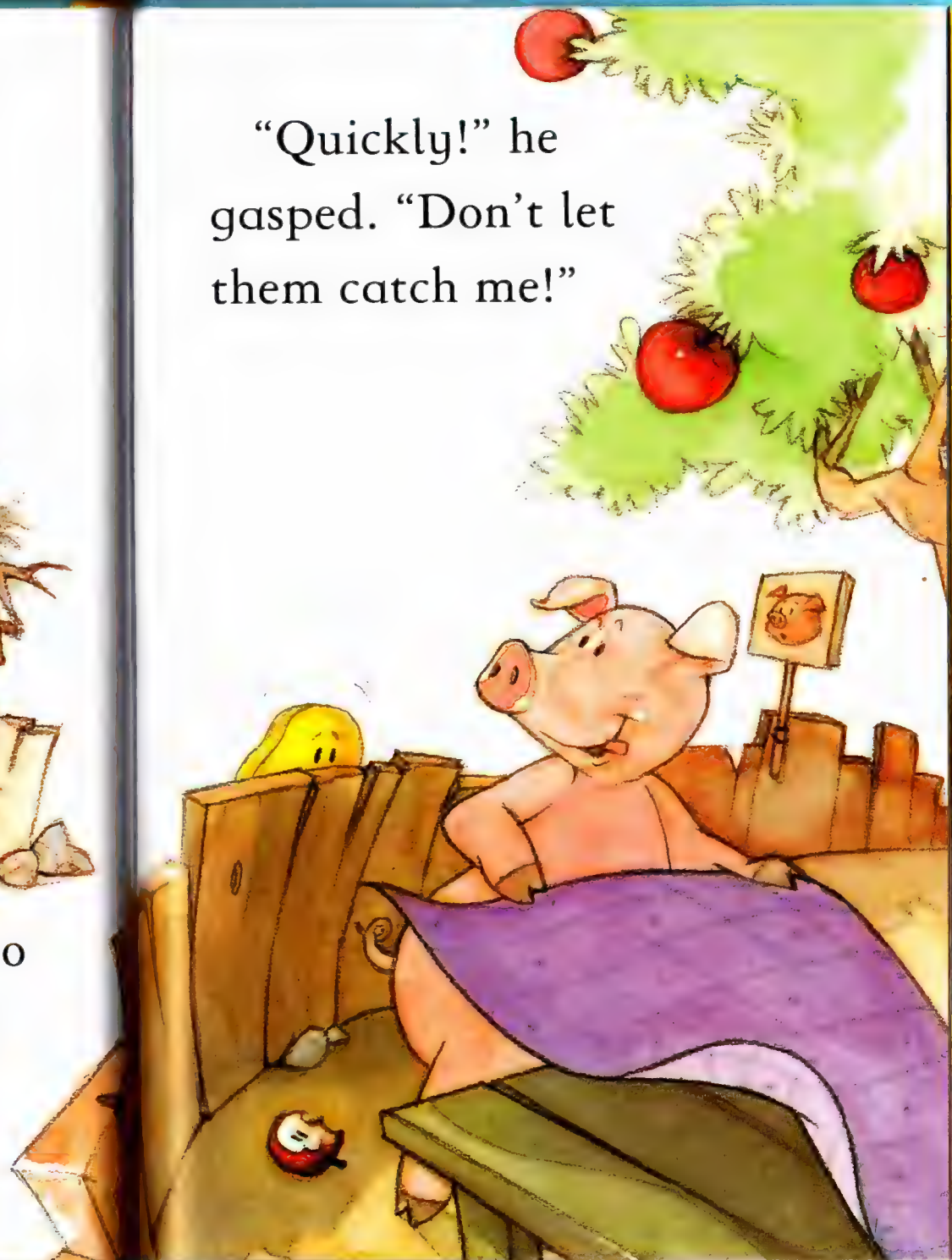






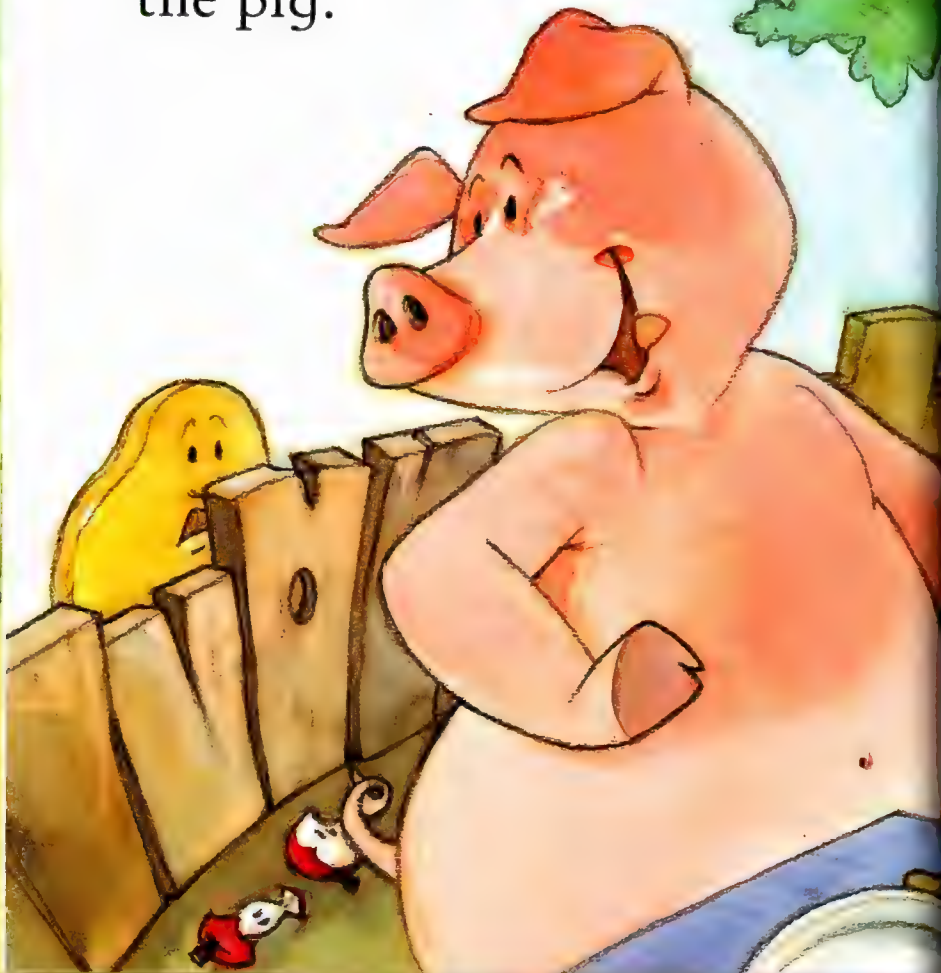
The pancake looked into the forest. Maybe the pig was right.

“Quickly!” he gasped. “Don’t let them catch me!”





“What did  
you say?” asked  
the pig.



“I SAID, DON’T LET  
THEM CATCH  
ME!” shouted the  
pancake.







"Who?"  
asked the pig.

"THEM!" said  
the pancake.



"The fox, the goat, the cat,  
the duck, the rabbit, the  
dog and all the family."

Look,  
right there!



"I'm sorry," said the pig.  
"I can't hear you. You'll  
have to come closer."



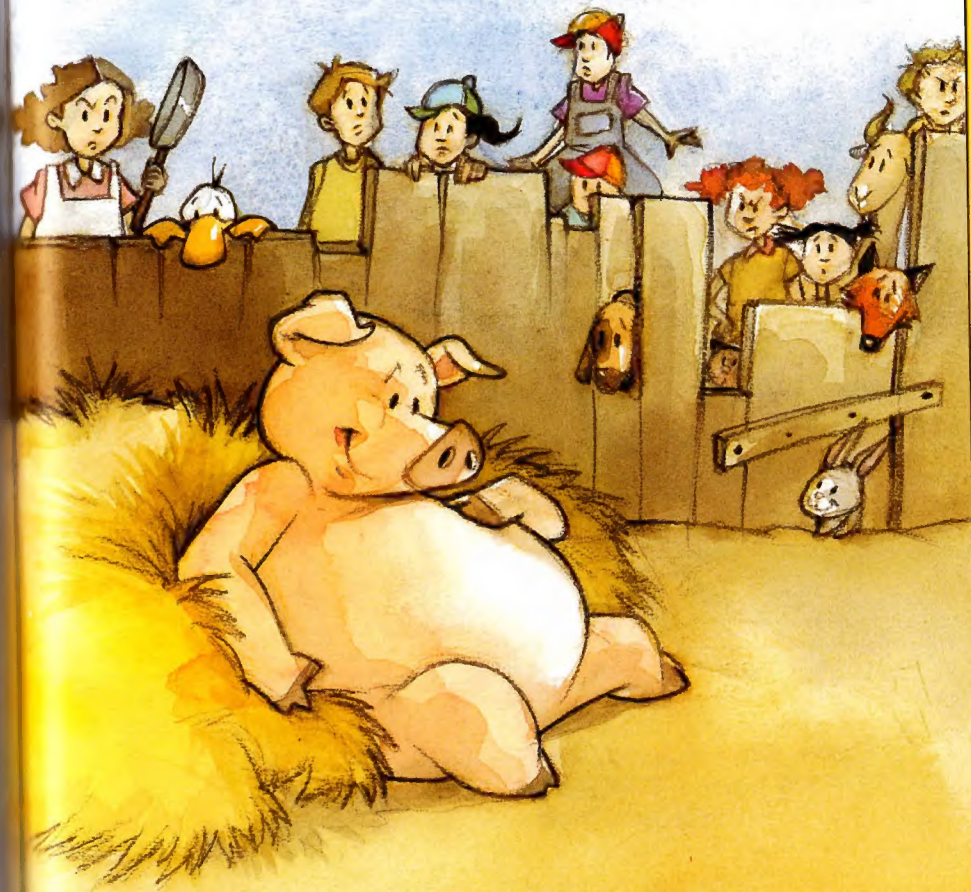
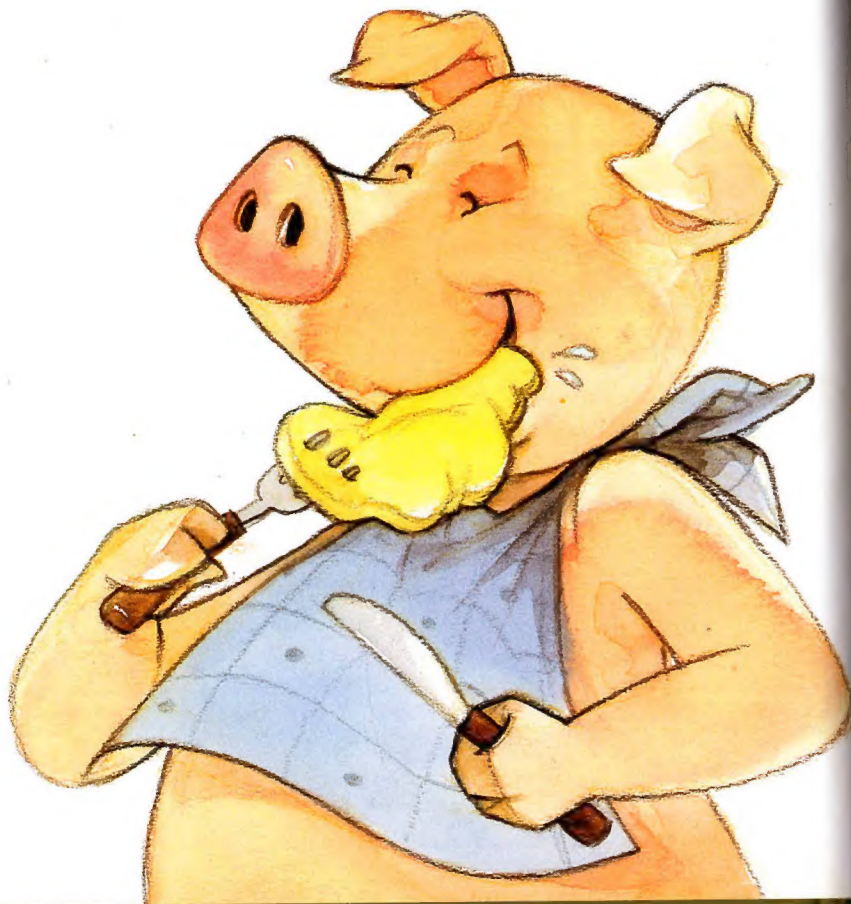
The pancake jumped over  
the fence and into the pen.





"I SAID, THE FOX, THE GOAT," the pancake began.

But before he could shout any more, the pig snapped him up and swallowed him...



...in one gulp.





*The Runaway Pancake* is a folk tale from Germany and Norway. There are different versions with different characters, but the pancake always gets eaten at the end.

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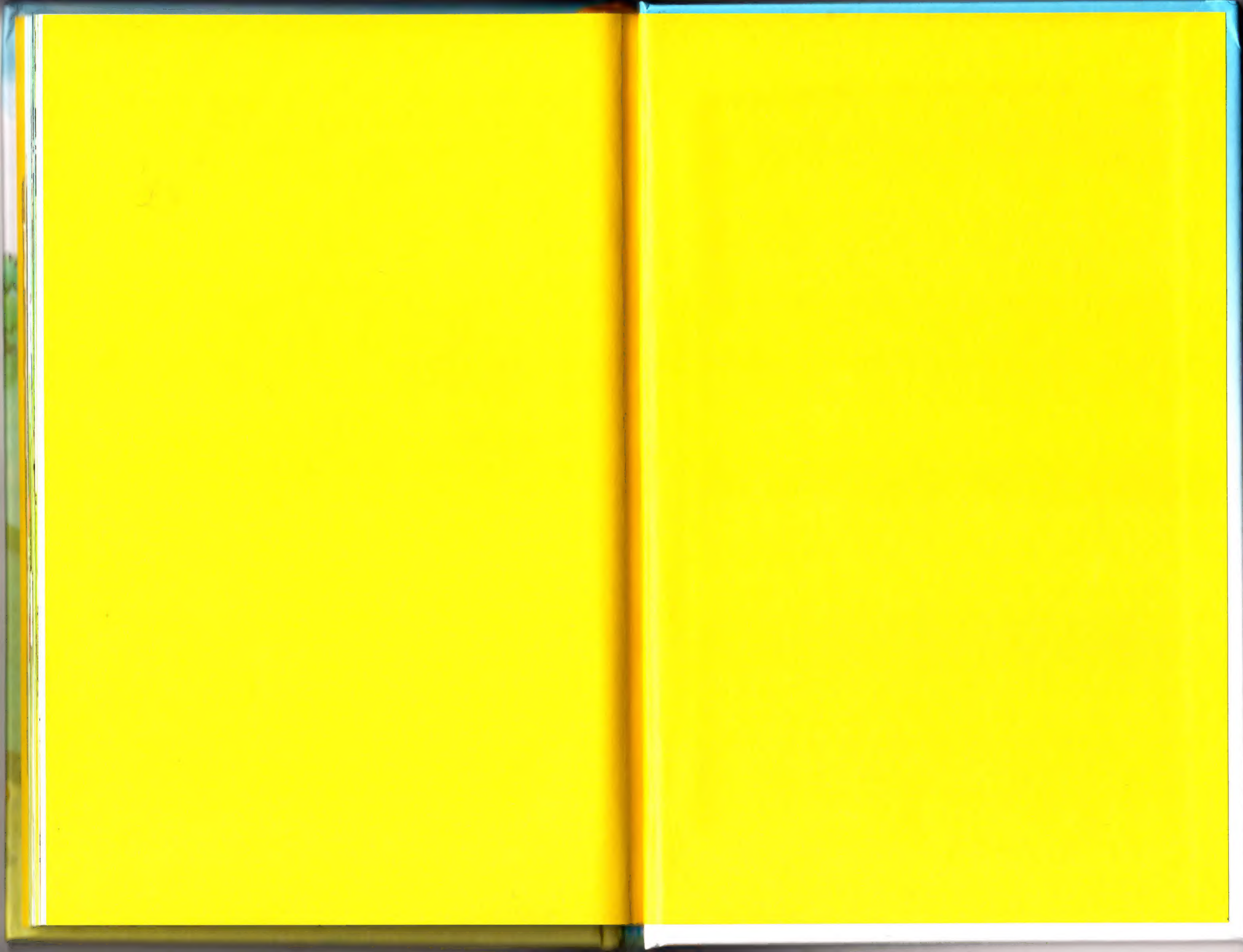
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